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## NEW BRUNSWICK.

*Inspection service at St. John.*ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK, *February 17, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that during the week ended February 15, the following vessels and seamen have been inspected by me: Steamships, 2; schooners, 4; seamen, 121.

Respectfully,

T. D. WALKER,  
*United States Medical Inspector.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

*Report from Manila—Plague among rats subsiding.*MANILA, P. I., *January 11, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that no cases of plague or smallpox occurred in Manila P. I., during the week ended January 4, 1902.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,  
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,  
Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

MANILA, P. I., *January 15, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the city of Manila still remains free from plague, no case having occurred during the week ended January 11, 1902. The epidemic of plague among rats is apparently subsiding, as during the month of December the percentage gradually declined from 5 per cent, and for the past two weeks no rats affected with this disease have been found, although the total number of rats killed and examined has slightly increased.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,  
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,  
Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

## PORTO RICO.

*Reports from San Juan and subports for January, 1902.*SAN JUAN, P. R., *February 5, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith the following report of transactions at this and the several subport quarantine stations of the island of Porto Rico, for the month of January, 1902:

*San Juan.*—Number of vessels inspected, 24; bills of health issued, 38; vessels held in quarantine, 2; vessels disinfected, none; passengers detained, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, 62; packages of mail disinfected, 4.

On the 18th instant there arrived the French steamship *Ville de Marseille* and the Spanish steamship *Cataluña*. The French vessel arrived from Saint Marc, Petit Goave, Port au Prince, Gonaives, Cape Haitien, and Puerto Plata. She carried clean bills of health, and all of her passengers for San Juan were landed as immunes, the vessel being held in quarantine under guard while she remained in this port. Twenty-three pieces of baggage and 1 sack of mail were removed to the island

and disinfected. The *Cataluña* entered from Havana, Port Limon, Colon, Barranquilla, Puerto Cabello, and La Guayra, via Ponce. All bills of health clean. Her passengers were landed as immunes. Thirteen pieces of baggage were removed and disinfected at the island. The vessel was placed in quarantine under guard while she remained here.

The provisional flag steamship *Julia*, from Cuban and Dominican ports, via Ponce and Mayaguez, P. R., arrived on the 19th instant. This vessel had undergone her usual disinfection at the port of Santiago de Cuba, and all being well upon her arrival, she was granted free pratique and her passengers permitted to land. Twenty pieces of baggage and 1 sack of mail were removed and disinfected at the quarantine station.

On the 28th instant the provisional flag steamship *Maria Herrera* entered from Cuban and Dominican ports upon her regular schedule. She had been disinfected at Santiago de Cuba, and was given free pratique here. Six pieces of baggage and 1 sack of mail from Puerto Plata were disinfected here. Passengers for Porto Rico, to be landed at this port, were considered immunes and permitted to disembark.

The steamship *Philadelphia*, of the "Red D" line of steamers, plying between New York City and ports in Venezuela and touching at San Juan, entered this port upon the 15th instant with 1 sack of mail from Curaçao which required disinfection. The vessel required no detention.

I inclose herein the vital statistics for San Juan.

The following is a summary of vessels inspected at the 6 subports of the island during the month: Mayaguez, 8; Arecibo, 4; Humacao, 5; Aguadilla, 4; Fajardo, 1; Arroyo, 1.

The mortality reports from the subports are as follows:

Mayaguez, 129; Arecibo, 109; Humacao, 49; Aguadilla, 36; Fajardo, 46; Arroyo, 10.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,  
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,  
Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

*Vital statistics of San Juan, P. R., for the month of January, 1902.*

Anæmia.....	4	Mitral insufficiency.....	2
Aortic insufficiency.....	1	Nephritis.....	1
Arterio-sclerosis.....	1	Old age.....	2
Atelectasis.....	1	Paralysis.....	1
Athrepsia.....	4	Pernicious fever.....	2
Asthma.....	1	Poisoning.....	1
Bronchitis.....	1	Pulmonary congestion.....	4
Broncho-pneumonia.....	2	Pulmonary tuberculosis.....	11
Cachexiæ.....	6	Rachitis.....	1
Cardiac lesion.....	3	Septicæmia.....	1
Cerebral hemorrhage.....	1	Tetanus, infantile.....	5
Dysentery.....	2	Tricuspid insufficiency.....	1
Enteritis.....	3		
Entero-colitis.....	2	Total.....	77
Epilepsy.....	1		
Endo-carditis.....	1	January, 1901—	
Gastro-enteritis.....	7	Births.....	76
Inanition.....	1	Deaths.....	67
Intestinal intussusception.....	1	January, 1902—	
Laryngitis.....	1	Births.....	85
Meningitis.....	1	Deaths.....	77